In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 17 as follows:

Accordingly, suitable C_8-~~C_{20}~~-C_{22} fatty acids include, but are not limited to, saturated fatty acids, for example, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, caprylic acid, coconut oil fatty acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, behenic acid, undecylic acid, pentadecylic acid, margaric acid, and arachidic acid, and corn fatty acids. Unsaturated fatty acids include, but are not limited to, oleic acid, linoleic acid, erucic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, palmitoleic acid, eleostearic acid, and mixtures thereof. Substituted C_8-C_{22} fatty acids include ricinoleic acid and vernolic acid.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 4 as follows:

When precipitated, the resin is tacky due to the presence of the aqueous alcohol solvent in the resin. Kneading of the zein resin assists removal of the alcohol and water solvents from the resin. Kneading is continued for a sufficient amount of time to provide a moldable, semisolid zein resin, having the consistency of a dough. Preparation of a zein-oleic acid resin by the above general method is disclosed in H.M. Lai et al., *Cereal Chem.*, 74(6), pages 771-775 (1997) and H.M. Lai et al., *Cereal Chem.*, 75(2), pages 194-199 (1997), each incorporated herein by reference.